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Application No. : 09/773,241
Inventor(s) : John C. Molander et al.
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Examiner : Michele M. Kidwell
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Customer No. : 27752
Title : Absorbent Article With Tension-Dividing Side Panels

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of March 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.